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Smallpox.—Week ended January 30. Cases: Following reports were officially registered: Ornaro (Rome) 4 cases, Ponza 2, Sparanise 2, Carinola 14, Casagiove 13, Casapulla 1, Mareianise 1, S. Maria Capua Vetere 1, Teverola (Caserta) 1, Vaglio di Basilivata (Potenza) 2, Nardo di Pace (Catanzaro) 4, Cittanova 16, Gerace Superiore 1, Cinquefrondi 1, Tresilico (Reggio Calabria) 1, Grotte (Girgenti) 1, Paceco (Trapani) 2.

JAPAN.

Reports from Yokohama—Inspection and fumigation of vessels—Increase of smallpox—Vaccination of steerage passengers and crews.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Cumming reports, January 22:

During the week ended January 18, bills of health were issued to 4 vessels having an aggregate personnel of 312 passengers and 355 crew.

One of the vessels, the *Chingtu*, for Manila, was fumigated by the local authorities, and the *Ben Vorlich*, for the same port, was fumigated under supervision of this office, the crews of each being vaccinated.

There is an increase of smallpox in this city.

All steerage and crew embarking here are being vaccinated at the disinfection station immediately after a bath and their effects are being disinfected as usual.

Up to this date there have been about 82 cases of smallpox reported, with 21 deaths.

Emigrants recommended for rejection.

Number of emigrants per steamship *China* recommended January 19 for rejection: For Manila 5. Advised to wait 3.

Per steamship *Kaga Maru* January 22: For Seattle 3. Advised to wait 23. Rejections and detentions were for trachoma.

Reports from Kobé—Inspection and fumigation of vessels—Examination of emigrants—Epidemic smallpox—Quarantine restrictions—Plague in Osaka.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Ransom reports, January 14:

Week ended January 11. Supplemental bills of health granted to 4 steamships, with an aggregate personnel of 624.

There were inspected 4 vessels, 365 members of crews, 3 cabin and 233 steerage passengers. One steamship was fumigated (2 after holds only, as 2 forward holds were fumigated at Yokohama), and 9 dead rats were found on board subsequent to fumigation. There were bathed 152 steerage passengers; their effects, consisting of 402 pieces of baggage, were disinfected with steam. Vaccination certificates were issued to 152 steerage passengers and to 54 members of crews. Manifests were viséed for 11,496 pieces of freight, and 30 pieces (plants from the Osaka district) were rejected.

Emigrants were examined as follows: Steamship *Hong Kong Maru* for San Francisco and Honolulu, passed 152, recommended for rejection 104.

The weekly report of communicable diseases in Kobe shows smallpox 648 cases, with 218 deaths. Total deaths reported 236.

It will be seen that there was an alarming increase in the number of smallpox cases during the week, the new cases numbering 648 as compared with 265 during the previous week, but there was an apparent drop in the death rate from 37.7 to 33.6 per cent. The greatest number of new cases reported on any one day was 129 on January 9, and the smallest number 49 on January 5. It is reported that the death rate is about 55 per cent, and that there are at present about 1,200 cases under treatment.

The disease is distributed nearly throughout Kobé and Hiogo, but is most severe in the latter district.

Reports from Osaka show the following with regard to the plague situation in that city: Week ended December 28, 20 cases and 19 deaths; week ended January 4, 6 cases and 5 deaths; week ended January 11, 5 cases and 5 deaths.

The restrictions enforced by this office are those contemplated in the quarantine regulations with regard to certain articles of freight and personal effects, together with the recommendation that vaccination be practiced in the case of all steerage passengers and crews embarking here on vessels bound for a port of the United States or its dependencies.

Steerage passengers from Osaka and vicinity are held seven days under observation prior to embarkation, and the special requirements with regard to freight from ports infected with plague are enforced against all freight from that place.

Cholera extinct at Kobé.

The following information is received from the Department of State, under date of February 13:

A dispatch dated December 31, 1907, from the vice-consul at Kobé, Japan, reports that Kobé is free from cholera, no case having occurred since December 6, 1907.

Report from Nagasaki—Emigrants recommended for rejection.

Sanitary Inspector Bowie reports:

January 9. Number of emigrants per steamship *Hongkong Maru* recommended for rejection, 5.

MEXICO.

Report from Salina Cruz—Inspection and fumigation of vessel.

Acting Assistant Surgeon McPherson reports, February 1:

Period January 16 to 31. One steamship cleared from this port for the United States, the *Alaskan*, which left for San Diego, Cal., January 16, and was fumigated throughout while in the roadstead outside the harbor.